

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
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**LINCOLN ALMOND**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
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**CREATION OF GROWTH PLANNING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the quality of life of the citizens of Rhode Island is inextricably linked to a balance of social, economic and environmental values; and

WHEREAS, our economic development policy and ability to attract businesses and employees to our State is interdependent with our efforts to preserve our environmental, cultural and historic resources; and

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the responsibility of the local communities in the development of balanced land use plans, taking into consideration the need for both an adequate tax base and the preservation of the environmental resources of each area; and

WHEREAS, the State understands the value of the resources that local communities, the business community and private non-profit organizations can bring to the issue of the land use planning; and

WHEREAS, direct public investments to reuse, revitalize or enhance existing infrastructure and resources can promote the preservation of natural resources as part of a long-term economic strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I LINCOLN C. ALMOND, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, hereby order as follows:

The Director of the Department of Environmental Management and the Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation shall serve as co-chairs.

3. The Council shall:
  - A. Examine the economic, environmental and social impacts of Rhode Island's current development patterns;
  - B. Inventory all existing State programs, policies and expenditures to evaluate their effect on sustainable development and the preservation and enhancement of environmental quality and resources;

- C. Recommend ways of encouraging growth in economically and environmentally sound locations; and
  - D. Foster partnerships among state agencies, communities and the private sector to build local capacity to plan for and implement sustainable growth.
4. The Council shall serve, in an advisory capacity, as a resource to local communities in the development of their land use plans.
  5. The Council shall recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly any changes in state and federal laws, regulations or procedures necessary to encourage sustainable growth in Rhode Island.
  6. The Council shall provide an annual report to the Governor by June 30 of each year, beginning in the year 2001.
1. There is established a Growth Planning Council which shall consist of representatives of the private sector, the environmental community, municipalities, and the State.
  2. The Council shall consist of 28 members, 10 members of which shall constitute a Steering Committee as follows: the Director of the Department of Environmental Management; the Director of the Economic Development Corporation; the Chief of the Statewide Planning Office; the Director of the Department of Transportation; the 'Executive Director of the Economic Policy Council; the Governor's Policy Director or designee; a representative of Grow Smart; a representative of the League of Cities and Towns; a representative of the Rhode Island Builders Association; and a representative of the Nature Conservancy.

The remaining members of the Council shall be as follows: two (2) members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, consisting of one (1) member of the majority and one (1) member of the minority; two (2) members of the Rhode Island Senate, consisting of one (1) member of the majority and one (1) member of the minority; the General Manager of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority; the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation; the General Manager of the Water Resources Board; the Administrator of the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers; the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance

Corporation; the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; the Executive Director of the Coastal Resources Management Council; a representative of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council; a representative of the AFL/CIO; a representative of the Rural Lands Coalition; a representative of the Rhode Island Bankers Association; a representative of the Rhode Island Section - American Planning Association; a representative of Save the Bay; and a representative of New England Electric Systems.

This Executive order shall take effect immediately upon the date hereof.

So Ordered:

Governor Lincoln Almond